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FUNDING OF FMG GRANTEES

REF: (A) STATE 091789; (B) DALSIMER/PETERS  
LETTER, APRIL 8, 1975

1. POST PLEASED TO LEARN FROM REF (A) THAT FMG HAS DECIDED  
PAY PER DIEM FOR ENODIEN AND EFOING. THIS IS SECOND TIME  
FMG HAS TAKEN SUCH STEP (FIRST WAS ON VISIT TWO MINISTRY OF  
TRANSPORT OFFICIALS LAST NOVEMBER) AND WE HOPE THEY MAY BE  
MOVING TOWARD MAKING THIS REGULAR PATTERN FOR ALL OFFICIAL  
GRANTEES. TO DATE, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO GENERAL  
DECISION TO THIS EFFECT OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE, AND WE UNDER-  
STAND MATTER IS STILL BEING WORKED OUT BY INDIVIDUAL MINISTRIES  
ON CASE BY CASE BASIS.

2. IN CASE OF ENODIEN AND EFFIONG, FOR EXAMPLE, POST HAD  
DISCUSSED WITH GRANTEES POSSIBILITY THAT FMG MIGHT PROVIDE  
THEIR PER DIEM. HOWEVER, THEY ADVISED US SHORTLY BEFORE  
DEPARTURE THAT THEY THOUGHT FMG WAS STILL UNDECIDED ON  
PAYING PER DIEM, AND WE PREFERRED NOT PRESS ISSUE WITH MEA.

3. RE BROADER QUESTION RAISED REF (B), LAGOS 2253 PREVIOUSLY  
REPORTED FMG EFFORTS EXERCISE CLOSER CONTROL OVER SELECTION  
PROCESS FOR OFFICIAL GRANTEES. MEA IN EARLY MARCH INSTRUCTED  
EMBASSY TO SOLICIT FMG CANDIDATES ONLY THROUGH EXTERNAL  
ARRAIRS, WHICH WILL TRANSMIT INVITATION TO APPROPRIATE MINISTRY.  
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ALTHOUGH THIS PROCEDURE RISKS SLOWING GRANTEE SELECTION AND

REMOVES SOME DEGREE OF POST CONTROL OVER SELECTION, INITIAL EXPERIENCE PROVED SATISFACTORY. IN CASE OF USIA/STATE BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE ON FEDERALISM, CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY FMG (DR. PATRICK COLE) WOULD HAVE BEEN OUR FIRST CHOICE IN ANY EVENT. THUS, NEW PROCEDURE MAY YET PROVE WORKABLE, WITH ULTIMATE SAFEGUARD THAT EXCHANGE COMMITTEE RETAINS FINAL DECISION ON ACCEPTING OR REJECTING CANDIDATES PUT FORWARD BY FMG.

4. SO LONG AS WE ARE IN THIS EVOLUTIONARY PHASE WITH REGARD BOTH TO SELECTION PROCESS AND TO FINANCING OF PER DIEM, WE BELIEVE IT BEST TO ALLOW FMG TO SET PACE AS IT SEEMS DISPOSED TO DO. THUS, WE PLAN FOR PRESENT TO CONTINUE SHOWING PER DIEM IN OUR COST CALCULATIONS FOR OFFICIAL VISITORS, THOUGH WITH HOPE THAT FMG WILL PICK UP COST IN INCREASING NUMBER OF INSTANCES.  
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